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Application No. 10/623,805	) Art Unit:
Filed: July 22, 2003	) Confirmation No. 5279
For: FRAME ELEMENT FOR MOUNTING	)
IN THE LOWER AREA OF THE BACK	)
WINDOW OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A	)
VEHICLE WITH ONE SUCH ELEMENT	) Date: July 22, 2003

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